

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/034,296	STEPANIAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jennifer A. Boyd	1771	

All Participants:

(1) Jennifer A. Boyd.

(2) Kawai Lau, Ph.D.

Status of Application: _____

(3) Poongs Muthukumaran.

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 7 March 2006

Time: 1:30 pm

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:
 N/A

Claims discussed:
 1 - 51

Prior art documents discussed:
 Sonoda et al. (JP 08-034678)

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
 See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In light of the full-translation of the newly discovered reference Sonoda et al. (JP 08-034678), the Examiner and Applicant discussed possible claim amendments to distinguish the claimed invention from embodiment b of the reference. The Applicant has suggested to incorporate the term "sheet" into the independent claims to require that the lofty batting is in continuous (or sheet) form rather than a collection of fiber aggregates which is considered to be non-sheet form. The Examiner has incorporated the term "sheet" into the independent claims by way of Examiner's amendment..